Alexandria Advertiser AND COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCER.

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Public Vendue.

On FRIDAY,

At 10 o'clock, will be sold at the Vendue Store,

Rum in hogsheads and barrels.
French Brandy in pipes,
Gin in pipes and bls.
Whiskey and Apple Brandy in bls.
Sugar in hhds. tierces and bls.
Coffee in tierces and bags,
Chocolate, White and brown Soap, Mould and dip'd Candles } in boxes,
Raisins in kegs, boxes and jars,
Figs in kegs and frails,
Queens Ware in crates,
FURNITURE, &c.
ALSO,
A variety of DRY GOODS,
Among which are,
Cloths, Coatings,
Kerseymeres, Dusfils,
Plains and Kerseys,
Negro Cottons, Serges,
Elasticks, blue Friezes,
Calimancoes and Russels,
Yarn Stockings,
Chintzes and Calicoes,
Irish Linens, Silesia do.
Platillas,
Osnaburgs and Ticklenburgs,
Muslins and Muslin Hand'fs,
India Muslins and Table Cloths
Bandanna Handkerchiefs,
Coloured Threads, Hats,
And sundry other Articles.
P. G. MARSTELLER.

August 8.

Sales by Auction.

SATURDAY,

At 10 o'clock, will be sold at the Vendue Store, the corner of King and Union streets.

Rum in hhds. and barrels,
Whiskey in barrels,
Apple Brandy in barrels,
Gin in casks,
Wine in pipes and quatter casks,
Molasses in hhds.
Sugar in hhds. and barrels,
White and brown Soap in boxes,
Coffee in casks and bags,
Raisins in kegs and boxes,
Queen's Ware, and
ALSO,
A variety of DRY GOODS.
—AMONG WHICH ARE—

Broad Cloths,	Irish Linens,
Cassimeres,	Calicoes,
Kerseys,	Threads,
Coatings,	Chintzes,
Halfthicks,	Bedticks,
Fearnaught,	Oznaburgs,
Blankets,	Sewing Silks,
Planes,	Muslin and Muslin
Negro Cottons,	Handkerchiefs,
Worsted and other Stockings,	India Cottons, &c &c.

THOS. PATTEN, *Auctioneer.*

August 8.

Molasses, Almonds, &c.

Twenty hhds. retailing Molasses of a very superior quality,
Twenty frails fresh Almonds,
A quantity of loaf and lump Sugar in hhds. & bls.
Ten tierces fresh Rice, received per brig Celia, from N. York, and for sale by J. and T. VOWELL.

They have on hand,

24 hhds. St. Kitts Rum, 2d and 3d proof,
100 bls. Pork,
40 do. brown Sugar,
Muscatel and bloom Raisins,
30 tons Plaister,
A few quarter casks
London particular Madeira Wine.

May 25. eo2w

For Sale,

An excellent MILCH COW.

Enquire of the Printer.

JUST RECEIVED,

And for sale by the subscriber, at his store on Union street,

Large Lisbon Lemons by the box,
English Walnuts by the frail or pound,
Fine large Prunes and Figs,
Fresh Limes.
By the Little Poll, from New Providence,
30 doz. large, fine Pine Apples.
Excellent Phila. bottled Cyder by the barrel or bottle,
First quality Chewing Tobacco,
Almonds, Raisins,
With most of the Good Things of this life, if you will but Turn the Corner.

A. WILLIS.

July 16. d

JAMES BACON

HAS OPENED

A Grocery, Tea, Wine and Liquor Store,

In King street, next door but one to Washington street, where he offers for sale, the following genuine articles, viz.
1st, 2d and 3d quality Muscovado Sugar,
Loaf and lump do.
Best Green Coffee,
Teas, Imperial, Hyson, Young Hyson, Hyson Skin, Padra Souchong, Souchong and Bohea
Wines, Madeira, Sherry, Teneriffe, Port, Lisbon and Malaga
Claret in cases of 1 to 3 dozen,
Jamaica, Antigua, and N. E. Rum,
Cogniac and Barcelona Brandy,
Holland Geneva,
5th proof warranted Irish Whiskey,
Country do.
Wine and Cyder Vinegar,
Best Albany Chocolate,
Mould and dipp'd Candles,
White and brown Soap,
Patent Shot assorted, from 1 to 10,
Best English Gunpowder,
Muscatell Raisins in boxes,
Soft shell Almonds,
Spinning Cotton,
Peppers, black and Cayenne,
Pimento, Cloves, Mace, Nutmegs,
Cinnamon and Cassia,
Durham Mustard, Pickles assorted,
Pearl and Scotch Barley,
Rice, Madder, Allum, Copperas,
Indigo, Glauber Salts,
Olive Oil of a superior quality,
Godfroid's warranted Segars,
Best chewing Tobacco,
Snuff in lb. and half lb. bottles,
Race and Ground Ginger,
Cayenne and black Pepper,
Starch and Fig Blue,
Pipes in kegs,
Wrapping Paper, &c. &c.

He solicits custom from his friends and the public, and not only assures them that he will dispose of his Goods on as good terms as any other house in town, but that he will at all times supply them with the very best articles that can be procured at the different markets.

June 24. d

FOR RENT,

(Possession may be had immediately)

The subscribers' brick Warehouse and dwelling House, situated on Prince Street, with or without the adjoining Warehouses.

Further description is unnecessary.—Those who are inclined, can view the premises and know the terms.

WM. HODGSON.

THOMAS SIMMS

HAS JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE,

Fresh from Lisbon, in a short passage by the sch'r Rachel, Hacker,

A few boxes of excellent large Lemons; good English Walnuts.
Fresh Limes by the brig Lucy.
Excellent soft shell'd Almonds,
Do. Prunes,
Do. Raisins, by the box,
Do. Figs and Filberts,
Holland Gin, French Brandy,
Jamaica Spirit, Wine,
Loaf, lump and brown Sugar,
SaladOil, Olives, Anchovies & Capers,
Gin cases empty and full, as may be desired,
A quantity of well cured Bacon,
Venison Hams,
Pork, (1 hog to the bl.)
Fish by the bl. &c. &c.

July 16. d

WILLIAM RAMSAY

HAS OPENED

A Grocery Store in Prince street,

Next door to Dr. Dick's,

Where he intends keeping a general assortment of genuine articles in that line, and now offers for sale on moderate terms,

WINES, LONDON particular Madeira, Port in casks and bottles, Colmenar and Malaga
Old St. Julian and Medoc Claret in cases of 2 dozen each,
White Wine Vinegar,
4th proof Jamaica Rum,
Do. Cogniac Brandy,
Holland Gin,
Loaf, lump and Muscovado Sugar,
Sugar House Molasses,
Fresh Teas of the latest Importation, Imperial, Chulan, Hyson, Young Hyson, Hyson Skin, Souchong, Pouchong Souchong, Padra Souchong, Peco Souchong, Bohea
Green Coffee,
Durham and Dixon's Mustard,
Allspice, Cinnamon, Cloves, Mace and Nutmegs,
Nantz and Bourdeaux Sallad Oil,
Catchup, brandied Fruits and English Pickles,
Olives, Capers and Anchovies,
Prunes, Raisins, and soft shell Almonds,
Leiper's Snuff in bottles,
Do. best Smoaking Tobacco,
Martin's best Spanish Segars,
Basket Salt for table use,
Georgia Cotton,
Martinique Noyeau,
Mould and dipp'd Candles,
Jersey Cheese of an excellent quality,
Wrapping Paper, brown and blue,
Roll Brimstone, Fig Blue.

To be Rented,

And possession given immediately, the dwelling HOUSE above said store. It is now in good repair, and well calculated to accommodate a genteel family. Apply as above. June 27. d

WILL BE SOLD,

To the highest bidder, on Tuesday the 23d August next,

A two story Frame HOUSE, situated in an alley leading to the Market Square, commonly called Gretter's alley. Said House and Lot is encumbered with annual rent of 4l. 2s. All other particulars are unnecessary, as it is presumed the purchaser will wish to view the property. The terms of sale are cash.

Sally Clements,
Geo. Gretter,
Chas. Gretter.

N. B. Should the day prove unfavorable, it will be sold the next fair day.

July 27. d3teods

For Freight or Charter,

The BRIG JOANNA,
Moses Wells, Master;
burthen about 1100 bls. Is a good staunch vessel and sails well. Apply to the master on board, or to

Nathaniel Wattles & Co.

Who have for sale,
Sugar in hhds. and bls.
Rum in hhds.
Molasses in do.
Georgia upland Cotton in bales.

August 6. d3t

For BOSTON,

The fast sailing, new Sch'r ALERT,
Azariah Smith, Master,
will sail on Sunday next: She has excellent accommodations for Passengers, and will be a constant trader between this place and Boston. For Passage apply to the captain at M'Clean's wharf, or to

Josiah Faxon & Co.

Who have the following GOODS for sale,
38 bbls New England Rum,
57 bbls Beef,
47 bbls Boston Pork,
50 boxes dipt Candles,
40 boxes mould do.
30 boxes Brown Soap,
20 bbls prime Mackeriil,
30 kegs James River manufactured Tobacco,
25 reams Writing Paper,
50 casks Rhode Island Lime,
ALSO,
A fresh and general assortment of Ladies, Gentlemens, Misses, Boys and Childrens SHOES as usual, negro men's large coarse SHOES.

August 4. d2w

For CHARTER,

(To a port in Europe without the Straits) the strong substantial SHIP
FAVORITE,
burthen three hundred hogsheads.

A. Henderson, & Co.

August 4. d

For Freight or Charter,

The new Schooner UNION,
of Boston,
Samuel Hutchens,
Master,
burthen about 90 tons or 800 barrels of flour. Apply to the master on board at Irwin's wharf, or to

JANNEY & PATON,

Who have for sale on board said vessel,
90 *tons Plaister Paris.*

July 26 d

For NEW-YORK,
(A CONSTANT TRADER,)

The fast sailing Schooner FRIENDSHIP,
John Quandrill,
Master;
will sail in the course of a few days. For Freight or Passage apply to the master on board, lying at Ricketts, Newton & Co's wharf, or to

P. CARE, Union street.

Who has for Sale,

40 kegs Powder,
30 do. Ground Ginger,
30 tons Plaister of Paris,
60 bls. Shad,
50 do. Herrings, and
A quantity of fine and coarse Salt, &c.

July 25. d

☞ *Printing in all its variety executed at this office with neatness and dispatch.*

THEATRE.

On Thursday Evening, Aug. 11,
WILL BE PRESENTED,
(For the first time this season) the favorite Comedy of

The POOR GENTLEMAN.

As performed at the Theatres London, and different parts of the United States, written by *George Coleman*, the Younger, author of the Mountaineers, Heir at Law, Battle of Hexham, Surrender of Calais, &c. &c.

Dr. Ollapod, *(his first appearance this season)* Mr. Bernard.

Mary Harrowby, *(her first appearance here)* Mrs. Story.

To which will be added the Musical Entertainment of

The FARMER:

OR,

The World's Ups and Downs.

☞ Doors to be opened at 6, and the performance to begin at 7 o'clock precisely.

Box 6s. Pitt 4s6.

☞ Subscribers are respectfully informed their tickets will be left at Mr Thomas's book store.

☞ *The Public are respectfully informed, the Musical Entertainments of the TURNPIKE GATE, and the SIXTY-THIRD LETTER, are in preparation and will speedily be produced.*

☞ The Melo Drame, *A Tale of Mystery*, will be repeated shortly.

August 10.

Public Sale.

On Monday, the 15th day of August next, at 4 o'clock, P. M. will positively be sold on the premises,

Those two Wooden Houses on the S. W. corner of Washington and King street, at present occupied by Philip Russell and John Violet. For terms, &c. apply to Jonah Thompson, Esq. or

Thos. Patten,
Auctioneer.

July 27.

FRESH SHOES.

S. CLARK

Has just opened a large parcel of Shoes,

Ladies kid with heels and fashionable ornaments,

Best black and colored morocco, with and without heels,

Misses kid and morocco,

Mens fine and coarse shoes,

Boys ditto ditto,

Childrens red morocco & leather pumps,

Stuff and other shoes of almost every description, which he is determined to sell cheap.

Also for cash,

Nankeens,

Silk and cotton Stockings, &c. &c.

August 5. d7t

Wants Employ,

A young Man lately from the West Indies, writes a tolerable hand, and understands the French language. A line addressed to *Y. S.* and left with the printer hereof, will be attended to.

August 6. eo3t‡

LEMONS.

Fifty boxes fresh Lemons just received and for sale by

Henry K. May & Co.

August 4. 3teo

FLAX SEED.

The highest price given for Flax Seed.

A. Smith & Son.

(a 5 d)

Wanted to Purchase,

A Negro Girl from 10 to 13 years of age. A liberal price will be given for one well recommended.

Enquire of the Printer.

August 8. d6t

☞ *Notice.*

A Court of Enquiry, for the 2d Legion of the Militia of the District of Columbia, will be held at the Court House, in the town of Alexandria, on Thursday the 11th instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the assessment of fines on officers for neglect of duty; for the remission of fines (on good cause shewn) imposed by the battalion courts of enquiry, and for the performance of other duties prescribed by law, where all persons interested are requested to attend.

August 3. d7t

REMARKS

Attached to Mr. Mercer's documents, published in yesterday's Advertiser.

From the foregoing depositions it must appear, that I could not have considered that Mr. Mason intended a confidential conversation; it passed during the May term, 1802, in the presence of not only the above witnesses, but occasionally of my wife, and others of my family. But there is still another view in which this subject will be duly weighed by the public, when they reflect that this information was given to a chief magistrate, whose oath and duties laid him under serious embarrassments. It respected a member of his privy council, whom he was to meet daily. Every one must perceive, that after such a conversation, I could certainly no longer meet Mr. Hall upon any terms of familiar intercourse. The impression that it made naturally added to other irritations, and I deemed it a duty to state to Mr. Hall in the council chamber, and in the presence of, (I believe) four of the members—"that I had received information dishonorable and disgraceful to him, and that I had repeated it again, and that there was an end to all intercourse, except in the discharge of official duty."—To to best of my recollection, soon after the celebration of the ensuing fourth of July, major O. Harwood was so friendly as to i form me, that Mr. Hall had on that day, at a public dinner at Queen Anne, made use of the most disgraceful epithets respecting me. On that occasion I informed both major Harwood and Mr. John Watkins (of Stephen,) of the information I had, thus received from Mr. Mason. I have given the same to many others, so that I could not but expect and believe that Mr. Hall had known it for more than fourteen months past. Had Mr. Hall ever written to me on the subject, or demanded an explanation, I could not have refused it, and his silence or neglecting to do so could not fail to rivet on my mind an impression that he acquiesced under the charge.

However strongly this was fixed in my belief, still motives of attachment to some of his family, (as I have frequently & long since expressed) and an undecided view of my own duty, especially when motives of personal resentment might be supposed to operate, would have prevented my submitting it to the public, had it not been extorted from me in the following manner. I have frequently declared my intention, in public and in private, (from the time that the law was first introduced into the legislature, and before my difference with the council) that if the law to change the constitution, as it regards the courts of Justice, should pass that session, I would offer myself to represent Anne-Arundel county, to oppose it in the next; as to render the whole judiciary department dependent on the mere will of an executive, much less of one so circumstanced as that of Maryland, must effectually destroy all security for life, liberty, and property.

I accordingly offered myself to the people, avowing my wish to avoid all reflections on public bodies or individuals and that nothing but self defence, which superceded all other laws, would compel me to abandon a line which was dictated by the duties of my station. Some observations which respected an alledged change of my political principles, drew on me a personal attack, which ended in my reluctantly communicating to the meeting the information I had received; and I may truly say, that in more than 20 years in which I have been engaged in elections, and in all the violences of former parties, I have never experienced such rancorous personal opposition as on the present occasion.

Mr. Mason admits in his certificate, that he knew no other person in this transaction than Mr. Edward Hall, and that he was told, and supposed, that the bill of injunction was filed by Mr. Edward Hall, and that he saw him dismiss it. To these impressions it was much more natural, I should suppose, to attribute the harsh language he admits he might have used, but which he does not recollect, than to any abuses of mine, which he also does not recollect. A memory so defective as to what he did say, ought not to have been relied on as to what he did not say. But his certificate must rest for the present on its own merits, and the depositions taken and now exhibited, he may, on perusing them recollect what has escaped him.

So far respecting the information I received from Mr. Mason, it remains now to observe on the opinion which I gave at the next public meeting, as to Mr. Edward Hall's conduct, as it now appears on the files of the court of chancery.—The propriety of that opinion can only be ascertained by legal investigation and the solemn adjudication of a court. I then stated that there was no distinction in law as to *criminality or punishment* between a person who takes a false oath or procures another to take such an oath as would have been false if he had taken it himself. See Black. Com. vol. 4, page 137, 138.

It appears that on the 1st Jan. 1801, Mr. Edward Hall himself, administered, as a magistrate, an oath to his brother Richard to a bill of injunction, stating, that the farther sum of seventy five pounds, or thereabouts, *hath been paid* by a certain Samuel Ringgold, of Washington county, *at the request of Edward Hall*, son of the said Martha, and brother of the said Richard, to the complainants, in part of the said judgment, as they have been informed, and verily believe to be true.

On this fact alone, and on this sole payment, (except the costs) an injunction is sued from the court of chancery the next day. And it is not pretended that there ever was such a payment. *Mr. Edward Hall indeed so informed his brother, on which he swore, but it is not even pretended that Mr. Edward Hall knew it, as it was false, and it is admitted he never was so informed.* It is generally understood and known, that Mr. Richard Hall *is himself no way concerned in interest*, and that he has relinquished his claim to his parental estate, to the rest of the family, for a certain part; and that Mr. Edward Hall has undertaken the business, and is himself interested in this cause, in which he acted as a magistrate. Mr. Mason says, he has carried on these suits for eight or ten years, and admits that he never knew any one else in the business, and even that he supposed, and was told, it was Mr. Edward Hall's bill; and it will appear that the transactions of Mr. Cooke, with respect to payment, were solely with Mr. Edward Hall. The agency of Edward Hall is part of the bill, to the truth of which he himself administers to his brother, and he admits that he himself was the informant on which his brother took an oath to a fact that was not true. It must therefore be considered in law as his act or worse than his act—but as to the *malo animo* with which this was done, the law must be construed with reference to succeeding facts. It appears that this injunction continued in force more than 10 months, in the mean time full opportunity was afforded for ascertaining the fact, by letter from Mr. Ringgold, dismissing the bill, and paying the money. But that was not all, Mr. Hall met Mr. Ringgold at Annapolis in September; they were both electors of the present senate; why was not the bill then withdrawn? Why was it continued in force till November following, and until the interview between Mr. Mason & Mr. Hall? But since that period Mr. Hall has offered this debt of Mr. Ringgold to at least three persons in payment of his own debts: I am credibly informed that he has received it of Mr. Ringgold; and *that* this payment, which, sanctified *by an oath administered by himself, on his own information*, (on the sole ground of which an injunction was obtained on the 1st January, 1801) was not made even on the 21st day of this month, and I suppose is not yet made at this day. On the law arising on these facts I gave an opinion, but as it was in Mr. Hall's absence, I previously informed Mr. Duckett and Mr. Johnson, that I would not mention the subject unless brought forward by themselves.—Whilst I act as chief magistrate of Maryland, I shall see the laws of this state executed according to the best of my judgment, and according to my oath, and its citizens may be assured, that the vapouring or blustering of any criminals shall pass by my ears as vacant idle air.

JOHN F. MERCER.

For Sale,

A healthy, stout, young Negro Woman. Enquire of the Printer.

August 3. d

For Sale,

AT THE VENDUE STORE,

A few boxes Essence of Spruce, with directions how to make the Beer.

THOS. PATTEN.

July 18. d

Alexandria Advertiser.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10.

Democratic Mirror.—The dispute between the Governor and Council of Maryland has frequently been the subject of observation in this paper. Considering that it might lead to important consequences, in a political respect, we have thought it our duty to inform the public fully of the nature and objects of that affair: And we have from time to time applied ourselves in endeavouring to trace its origin, and to mark its progress distinctly and attentively. Presuming therefore that the reader is well acquainted with all the previous circumstances, it is only necessary for a due understanding of what follows to remind him, that among the members of the council, Mr. Edward Hall has been signalized as the principal adversary of Governor Mercer, between whom indeed the dispute at an early period, fermented into a violent personal animosity. In our last we announced that the Governor had offered himself as a candidate for representing Anne Arundel county in the State Legislature, that the interest of the council was exerted against him, that one public discussion had already taken place between their proxies and his Excellency, in which the latter was reported to have had much the best of the battle, and in which besides threatening his opponents generally, with some ugly discoveries he had pointed a very heavy accusation against his "chief foe, which was yet unsettled." Delicacy and caution then, prevented our being more explicit in our meaning; but we are enabled to declare it by publications under the signatures of the parties themselves, which are reprinted to gratify the popular curiosity they have in a very considerable degree excited. By these publications, which have come to us in the form of handbills, it will appear that the person against whom the Governor at an electioneering meeting "made a most serious and blasting charge, is the Mr. Edward Hall aforesaid. The charge itself was, that he had committed or attempted to commit *perjury!* And the authority, given by the Governor for this charge was John Thompson Mason, Esquire, the United States' Attorney for the district of Columbia. Mr. Hall immediately applied to Mr. Mason, from whom he received a certificate on the subject, which, it will be observed, is contradictory to the Governor's assertion.

Upon the publication of this certificate in Mr. Hall's address, the Governor in his reply has not found it necessary to depend on that common sort of evidence unsanctioned by the obligations of an oath or of that loose and pliable form which alone had been exhibited against him; but with great propriety has produced two regular and precise affidavits confirming his own oath also of the truth of his first declaration, in order most effectually to demolish Mr. Mason's certificate, which, it may be material to recollect is not sworn to. And surely it is no slight testimony of Governor Mercer's sincerity at least, when we see that those affidavits are one of them by Miss Sprigg, the sister of Mrs. Mercer, and the other by the Governor's own son, two persons whose names it could not but be highly disagreeable to him to introduce in print, and for whose honor and correctness it would be inhuman to suppose that he does not feel a becoming tenderness and solicitude. It is not our design to advance any thing on this occasion, tending to establish the guilt, imputed to Mr. Hall. The public have both sides before them, and are competent to judge. Nor, as he appears himself so well satisfied with Mr. Mason's certificate, shall we pretend but what it may be quite satisfactory for Mr. Hall's purpose, considered as a retraction or as a disavowal on the part of Mr. Mason sufficient to settle the point of honor as between them. But, as it concerns Mr. Mason himself, the laughing, jolly gentleman must allow us with his constitutional politeness to put in a few words. We must be allowed to say that the language of his certificate so far as it goes, is exactly characteristic of the man, specious, palavering, abundantly civil, and most affectedly liberal and candid, yet bitter, insidious, selfish, hollow and hypocritical. Nor can we refrain from expressing our belief that no one can get up from reading the certificate with all its twists and evasion, without being thoroughly convinced that Mr. Mason knew and felt himself in the act of representing the thing which was *not*. His tedious

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——————"This is a lady,
Would she begin a sect, might quench the zeal,
Of all professors else; make proselytes,
Of who she but bid follow."

The other affidavit is by the Govern- r's son, of whom it is proper to observe, hat, whatever may be said about his ears, he is of that ingenuous age little apable of mischievous invention, though eculiarly retentive of any uncommon ransactions; that he is represented to us s a boy of a lively and manly apprehen- ion; and that even in strictness of law is youth would not incapaciate him from iving testimony in a court of justice.— His affidavit therefore must be implicitly eceived togerher with the other just no ticed. And here also, even if Mr. Mason had any thing to set of against the two combined more than his own unattested ay so, adverting to the manner of their different relations, we might well retort he cant of his friend Samuel H. Smith (concerning the Geffroy lerters) and la- ment being obliged to admit "the weight f positive over negative testimony."— With respect to Mr. Mason's suspicious complaint against the disclosure of a con- idential discourse, it would be useless to dd any thing to the defence which the overnor has himself offered. We will merely note, however, the admirable con- istency of the attorney, who in the very ame paper in which he urges this com- laint is actually guilty of the like con- uct in telling what passed in the confi- ential conference with his Excellency at aton's. His vanity we suppose here got the better of his discretion, and he could not resist the opportunity of shewing what an important personage he was con- sidered in our political world. Yet we would ask this ministerial courtier what business he has to be intermedling, as he confessed himself, with the political in- terests of this state? and whether he thinks such interference either decent or right in an officer of the general govern- ment, whose residence and province of duty is at the city of Washington? and how he dares to proclaim to the people of Maryland, that a habit has prevailed of dictating and ordering their great con- cerns by a democratic board of two or three, where an impudent intruder has been permitted to fill one of the first seats? Yet what audacity and meanness may we not expect from a man who after having not only denied being in pursuit of office but solemnly pledged himself to a whole country not to accept of any under the United States did accept and now holds the first office which was offered him af- ter Jefferson's election? Or from a man, who could fly out at Bladensburgh du- ring the last electioneering contest in Prince Georges, and in an harrangue at a public meeting reprobate in the strongest terms the depravity of Tom Paine as a blasphe- mer and a libeller with whom he denied that Mr. Jefferson would be at all con- nected, and yet in a very short time af- terwards at Paine's arrival could pre- sent himself among the other sycophants who hastened to pay him "the homage of their respect."—But a better purpose, than any thing in which Mr. Mason can be interested, still remains for us. It remains, that we take this opportunity of again imploring our fellow-citizens to consider what sort of a plan democracy must be, in which we behold a member of the executive council of a state publicly accused of perjury by its governor, on the authority of an attorney for the United States, and that attorney (high in the con- fidence of the Administration) then sign- ing a certificate as a disclaimer, which in turn is falsified by the solemn oath of the governor and two witnesses! Such is the way in which these gentlemen treat one another, when any breach in their inti- macies removes the veil of dissimulation. In short there appears to be no faith or confidence among the party, and if its leaders throughout the Union could be as- sembled together in a magic castle of truth, where each man should be obliged to avow his real mind, we have no doubt it would appear with a very few exceptions that they generally know or think each other as villainous and as base as the most ri- gid federalist could describe them.

And yet there are those who affect to disapprove of the violence of the federal papers, whose moderation is offended with any thing like personal attack, not re- flecting that in the disagreemens among themselves, the other side are alternately exposing each other even in blacker colors than they are painted by the federalists, and that the latter too have been for a series of years the objects of the most out- rageous abuse and calumny which the wickedness of their opponents could in- vent. For our own part, we desire once for all to speak plainly on this subject, and we wish to be understood, that according to our notions this is not the time to in- dulge a false moderation, that the crisis justifies and requires a strong and steady tone, that heretofore in the conduct of this paper we conscientiously affirm having ne- ver attacked or censured any man from mere private malice, or without a firm belief not only of his deserving but of the public interest requiring it, that of the individuals occasionally exposed in our columns, we find, on looking back, they are either such as are generally admitted to be unworthy, or whose conduct in the particular instance under enquiry has been inexcusable or manifestly improper, and lastly that as to personal strictures we must be excused for determining to exer- cise (as in all things else) an independent discretion, guided by the dictates of truth and justice, but which we shall never consent to sacrifice either to worldly pru- dence or the idle hope of always pleas- ing every body, however anxious we may be to preserve with our friends that rational approbation which has been our pride and best reward. In the end, we have no doubt that, as this is the most honorable, so will it prove the most advantageous policy. As to the sub- ject now before us, for example, what language can be too abhorrent and indig- nant for the train of reflections it is calcu- lated to inspire. What will be thought of Maryland elsewhere from such samples of democratic morals and dissention as we have to day exhibited? The world no doubt will suspect, that the democratic system of this state is treading fast on the heels of Rhode Island infamy, while suf- fering under its power we can only exclaim with unavailing regret, that,—"We have fallen on evil times indeed!" (F. Her.

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The attention of our executive is im mediately solicited to a subject of the first importance, the renewal, on the part o the British government, of the very of- fensive, and, to us degrading practice of impressing seamen from our merchant ships, although protected by every legal instrument declared necessary by the laws of our country. This unwarrantable pow er assumed over the rights of our flag, and carried during the last war, to a most unexampled extent of insolence and out- rage, ought not to be submitted to any longer. The injuries our commerce sus- tains by it are incalculable; besides we have a growing navy, the necessity of us- ing which on a more enlarged scale than at present may arrive very soon, and if any nation is allowed at pleasure, author- ized merely by a superior force, to de- prive us of our best seamen, we may as well lay our ships up in dry dock at once. It is time that we should assert, in the view of the whole world, that we are a nation—or if others would rather have it so, a people who have rights, and will make those rights respected.

We find already that men have been impressed in the West Indies, from seve- ral of our ships. If, in the first stages of the war, such a position be assumed by our government as it ought to maintain; if it were at once asserted that, as a neutral nation it will make its neutrality respected to the fullest extent; there is very little doubt that such a policy would have the most beneficial consequences. We can- not believe that it is the intention of any of the European powers to go to war with us; we are sure that it is not the interest of any of them to do so. But without making nice calculations on such chances, our language, our action, should be such as independence ought to dictate. Such alone will ever make a nation or govern- ment respected either at home or abroad. The pulse of our present administration is about to be felt. We shall mark well all the symptoms it may exhibit either of con- valescence or of dissolution.

(Anti-Demo.)

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NOT less for the amusement than the information of our readers, we lay before them the following very curious extract from a democratic paper. As a specimen of nearly the whole compound mass of de- mocratic *virtues*; and democratic wisdom; of the moderation, the liberality, the jus- tice, the common honesty, and above all "the patriotism" of the true black-blood- ed jacobinic democracy of this country, and at the same time of all which inve- terate rancor and unbridled fury can lend to illustrate those *virtues*, it has never had its equal, since the days of Robespiere; when every sentence in every essay in the jacobin papers of France, begun or ended or contained in its body some abominable profaneness or some horrid oath or execra- tion.

"It seems as if the Friends of Britain (not to use a more hacknied harsh and lifeless epithet) are seizing time by the *firelock*.—They at first whisper, *they soon declare in public*, and will ere long brawl out, that *we must join England in her present just and necessary war*, or must be the next victims of France. Rather than be saved by joining England, against any nation, let us all heart and hand go to the Hell of Political Perdition together. But need we do this, will not our own valor—our well regulated Militia, and our love for our government (on account of the happiness it secures to us) preserve us from this cursed dilemma?"

From this, which indiscreteely speaks the spirit of most of that rank of democ- rats, it appears, that in contemplating the important subject in question, Ame- rica is to consider, not her own interests but the private national aversions and rancorous feelings of democratic individu- als. The people, however, will know what value to set upon the advice of one who says, that rather than be saved by England, he would have us all go heart and hand to the *Hell* of *Political Perdition* together—meaning we suppose together with their jacobin brethren of France. We hope that the people of America, and its government, will do neither as that worthy writer says, nor as he is likely to do—we hope they will not go to the hell of political, nor of spiritual, nor of any other perdition: and we recommend it to the gentlemen who are disposed to go such very disagreeable journies, not to ask our conntrymen to keep them com- pany, but to go as they ought, by them- selves.

Mean time we cannot but express our wonder at any one's proposing such a mad scheme as America's going to war at all. The *spirit* shewn by *America*, under her *present rulers*, must no doubt have ex- cited a lively desire in the warlike, brave nations of Europe to get her powerful aid on their sides; but as it has not been yet sought for, it had better not be mention- ed at all—and it it should be sought for, we recommend it to government to be as abstinent from fighting in the cause of either, as it was in its own—and to bot- tle up the military spirit of the union, and cork it tight, lest it should evaporate during the present pacific administration.

(Courier.)

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Extract of a letter from New York dated August 5.

The barque Thomas Gordon, capt. Bragdon, from Lisbon, is below, proba- bly in 40 days passage.

"The alarm of fever subsides. No new cases have been reported for two days. The Board of health do not think it worth while to report. Several persons who were reported as dead, are about, attending to their business. Mr. An- drew Bache, who two days since, report sent out to his father's country seat, ill with the fever, is in town this morning, attending to the affairs of his counting house? Various other instances of nearly a similar nature, might be mentioned.—The weather is now fine.—Wind north."

Public Sale.

On Monday 22d inst. at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold at the house of Mr. Wm. Wiggins, *in King street, between St. Asaph and Washington streets,*

The following Articles:
Viz.

1 Gold Watch and Chain,
Silver Table and Tea Spoons, Cream Ewer,
1 Feather Bed, Bedstead, and Bed- ding,
Mahogany Dining and Card Tables,
Looking Glasses, Windsor Chairs, & sundry other articles—part of the estate of the late Margaret Wilson, deceased.

P. G. MARSTELLER.

August 10.

For Sale,
At PUBLIC AUCTION,
On Monday the 22d of August, at four o'clock in the afternoon, on the pre- mises,
An elegant three story
BRICK HOUSE,
on King street, which has never been oc- cupied. *Also,*
Four Lots of Ground on the same street. The above property is in fee simple, and clear of every incumbrance whatever.

The terms will be made known at the time of sale.

Richard Lewis.

August 10. dds

A Plantation and valuable Meadow.

ANY person that has four or five good working hands, that they wish to employ to advantage, and are acquainted with eclaiming of meadows, may hear of a very profitable place in Fairfax to rent on liberal terms.

Enquire of the Printer.

August 10. eo3t

Public Sale.

In pursuance of a decree of the Court of Columbia District, at the last June term, holden in Alexan- dria, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, for ready money,
SUNDRY
Wooden Houses & Improvements,
Situate upon lots of ground on the south side of King street, between Royal and Pitt streets, which had been leased by Mordecai Miller to James Kidd for a term of years now ended. The sale will be made on the last Monday in August next, at the premises, in the forenoon of the same day. The purchaser has the right of removing the houses and improvements at any time before the 29th day of Octo- ber next, from the lots whereon they are erected. Any person may view and exa- mine the houses by application to John Horseburg and Matthew Eakin, in whose occupation they now are, and they will be sold separate or together, as may be found most expedient on the day of sale, for the purpose of selling them for the best price.

P. G. MARSTELLER.

July 26. 2awtds

Winchester Coffee House & Hotel.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has opened a house of accommodation for gentlemen travellers. He flatters himself that his exertions to give general satisfaction will entitle him to the patronage of the public. The newspapers from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Alexandria, Richmond, Norfolk & Charleston, (S. C.) are regularly taken. He avails himself of this opportunity to return his sincere thanks to those who have honored him with their custom, and assures them that a continuance of their favors will always act as a stimulus to further exertions. He has good, stablage, hay and grain, with a trusty hostler.

A. Lindo.

Winchester, July 15. 1aw7t

Lands for Sale.

The subscriber wishes to sell a TRACT of LAND, situate near the foot of the Blue Ridge and Short Hills, in Loudoun county, Virginia: Bounded partly by the Potomac River, within two miles of Harper's Ferry and the mouth of Shenandoah. It is a strong, good soil, answering perfectly well for plaister of Paris, and contains by patent 2340 acres. It is so well known, as a valuable and fine tract of land, that a further description is unnecessary, as those who incline to purchase will of course view and examine it. A clear and indisputable title will be given by the subscriber. There is no mortgage, judgment, debt, lease, claim, or demand whatsoever against any part. It having been always let to tenants at low annual rents, who are raised and removable at will, but the occupying tenants (through favor only) have been permitted to claim from any coming-in tenant, one half of the deposit money, as settled between them for improvements and good will; the other half going to the landlord. There are at present sixteen or seventeen tenants upon the estate at very low rents: and it is recommended as an object well worth the attention of any person who would purchase the whole, and parcel it out into lesser farms, the resident tenants and others wishing to buy parts of it. The terms are a portion of one fourth paid down in money, or approved negociable paper, the remainder in one, two or three years as may be agreed on, carrying interest from the day of sale. Application may be made personally, or by letter, to the subscriber residing at Warburton, on Potomac River, near Alexandria, to Mr. James M'Ilheney, near the premises, or to Mr. John Janney, merchant, Alexandria.

Thos. Atwood Digges.

July 20. eo1m

Fifty Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY on the 10th of July, a Negro man named LEWIS: he is 22 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, well set, dark complexion; has a scar on his forehead which, I think, comes down between his eyes; is bow legg'd, and has a scar on one of his feet, between the toes, occasioned by the cut of an ax: he can read and write a little, has a very bold look, talks free and sensibly, and, at times, assumes a confidence when speaking, that would induce some to suppose that what he said was the truth: he speaks Dutch a little, and I expect has a pass, as he been in Alexandria where he went under the name of *Lewis Hurley*. When he eloped he had on a long, blue cloth coat, red waistcoat, and reddish coloured pantaloons, a high crown'd hat, band and buckle; I believe his other clothing were home made. The above reward will be given for securing him in any jail, so that I get him again, on giving information to Messrs. S. Croudson and Co. Alexandria, with reasonable charges if bro't home.

ROGER ABBOTT,
Culpepper County, Virginia.

☞ All masters of vessels and others are cautioned against harbouring or carrying off said fellow at their peril.

Jul 28. 1aw3‡

For Sale or Lease,

A Lot of Ground on King street, two doors from Columbus street, fronting on King street 23 feet and running back 100 feet. It is allowed to be as valuable a lot as any in town that is unimproved: it will be disposed of on very moderate terms. For further particulars apply to the Printer, or to Mr. Wm. Gore nearly opposite the said lot.

ROBT. SMITH.

July 18. 1aw

CATALOGUE
OF
BOOKS & PAMPHLETS,
Just received for Sale,
By R. and J. GRAY,
At their Store, King street,

COPIES of Intercepted Letters from the army of Gen. Bonaparte in Egypt, 3 vols. 8vo.

Memoirs of the Operations of the Army of the Danube, under command of Gen. Jourdan.

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Misanthropy and Repentance, a novel from the German, with a beautiful Frontispiece.

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Female Warrior, or the Adventures of Hannah Snell.

More Kotzebue, or my own Pizarro, a farce.

Tudor Owen; Gothic Stories; Henrietta Bellgrave; Henry Lanson; Cabinet of Love; Art of Swimming; Book of Fate; the Union Volentine Writer; Midnight Messenger, & a number of others too numerous to insert in an advertisement.

They are mostly in cheap paper binding—the greater part of them have an elegant frontispiece—are lately imported from London—have been bought low, and will be sold by the dozen or single, considerably lower than their real value.

July 18. d

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber, on the 19th of July, a negro man named

MOSES:

he is a tall boney man, about 6 feet high, not very fleshy, has a remarkable scar across the middle of his nose, his hair long and strait for that of a Negro, though not tied. He has been several times seen sculking about Alexandria. Any person who will deliver me the said Negro, or secure him and give me information thereof, shall receive the above reward.

AUG: J. SMITH.

Fairfax County,
Aug. 3. eo

☞ *Cash given for clean linen and cotton rags.*

Dividend.

In the case of Thomas Moore,
a Bankrupt.

THE Commissioners named in the Commission of Bankruptcy awarded and issued against Thomas Moore of the town of Alexandria intend to meet on Monday the 15th day of August next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Mr. John Gadsby, in the said town, in order to make a dividend of the Estate and Effects of said Bankrupt, when and where the creditors who have not already proved their debts under the said Commission, are hereby required to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the benefit of the said dividend.

Wm. OXLEY, Assignee.

July 14 eo13t.

N. B. Those who have claims against Thomas Moore, are requested to leave them at the Compting-House of Wm. Oxley, previous to the above meeting of the Commissioners.

This is to give Notice,

THAT the subscriber, of the County of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, hath obtained from the Orphan's Court of the said County, Letters of Administration with the will annexed, on the personal estate of Margaret Wilson, late of the said County, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the twenty seventh day of July next; they may otherwise, by law, be excluded the benefit of the said estate.

WILLIAM WIGGINS,
Administrator, with the Will annexed, of Margaret Wilson.

August 1. 1aw12t.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber, living in the town of Dumfries, on Thursday the 14th ult. a bright Mulatto servant, named GEORGE, the property of Hector Alexander, merchant, and hired by the subscriber. He is between 20 and 22 years of age, well made, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, is very fair to be a Mulatto, full faced, a little pitted with the small pox, short, straight, black hair; he is by trade a shoemaker.——He had, when he runaway, a white flannel coattee, nearly new, a country cloth do. of a park yellow broad stripe, almost new, a dair of new nankeen pantaloons, white dimity jacket, a pair of striped silk and cotton stockings, and, I believe, some white cotton do. two pair of fine shoes, nearly new, and a fine felt hat half worn. He is an artful fellow, and may attempt to pass himself as a white man. Whoever brings the above fellow to the subscriber, shall receive the above reward and reasonable charges, or the above reward if confined in any jail so that I get him again.

James S. Drinan.

N. B. Every person is cautioned from harboring him, and masters of vessels from taking him away at their peril.

July 30. eo6t‡

FOR SALE,

That noted stand in Botetourt county, between Fincastle and the Sweet Springs, commonly called

The Half Way House;

And at present occupied by Mr. George Walker, as

A TAVERN.

THERE are 444 acres in the tract, about 80 or 85 acres of which are cleared and under good fencing and cultivation; there are on the premises, a good dwelling house, kitchen, stable, &c. and a most excellent and never failing spring, within a rod or two of the door. This land, lying on Craig's Creek, is well watered and timbered, fertile and productive; containing a small meadow, and a considerable quantity of meadow ground, and lies within 15 miles of James river navigation. A great bargain may be had in this place, by a payment of half the purchase money in hand; for the other moiety an accommodating credit will be given, and an indisputable title made to the purchaser. The land will be readily shewn to any gentleman, by Mr. Walker, who lives on the premises. For contract apply to the subscriber in Staunton, or at the Sweet Springs, in the months of July and August. Entire possession of the premises may be had on the first day of December next.

ROBERT BAILEY.

June 21. 1aw2m

Ricketts, Newton and Co

Have received and for Sale,

A few bales German Linens
2 trunks calicoes and chintzes,
2 do. hosiery,
10 boxes wool and cotton cards,
5 tresses threads,
30 boxes dipp'd and mould candles,
10 hhds. molasses,
4 do. Jamaica spirits,
6 do. sugars,
20 barrels prime pork,
50 do. herrings,
20 do. shad,
30 kegs James river tobacco,
100 tons plaister.

☞ *They are giving Cash, for wheat, flour, corn, rye, beans and tobacco.*

August 1. d

Washington Tavern.

RANDOLPH MOTT

Has removed to the house lately occupied by Mr. Peter Heiskell, sign of

General Washington,

Where he continues to keep a House of Entertainment for Travellers & others. He returns his sincere thanks to his friends for their former custom, and hopes from his attention to business to merit and receive a continuance of the patronage of a liberal public.

August 8. eo

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Few works have been published in America, that claim the agriculturist's attention more than this. Added to his own experiments, opinions and calculations, it contains those of the most eminent farmers in the middle states; collected from them by himself, and transmitted to the British Board of Agriculture of which he was an honorary member.

April 25. d

Notice.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of *William Triplett*, of Round Hill, deceased, are requested to bring them forward for adjustment and payment; and all those indebted to the estate are respectively called upon to make immediate payment to the Executors—it being their anxious wish to close all the accounts, and settle with the legatees as soon as possible.

Charles Little,
Geo. Triplett, } *Ex'trs.*

July 7. 10

For Sale,

BY THE SUBSCRIBER,

Genuine old Port Wine in pipes and bottles,
Madeira Wine,
Holland Gin,
Cognac Brandy,
Jamaica Rum,

of which articles he intends keeping a constant supply.

James Sanderson.

August 5. eo

For Sale,

100 Barrels of Prime Pork,
10 Hhds. Molasses,
A quantity of coarse Liverpool and Cadiz Salt,
Nova Scotia & English Grindstones
Also.——A few packages of superfine Cloths and Cassimeres by the package, or piece, on very low terms, and 6 cases fine Hats.

Wm. HODGSON.

June 10. d

For Sale,

A handsome FORTE PIANO. Apply to THOS. PATTEN.

May 12. d

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